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2012 Race Director Committee Report

Mission

The Race Director Committee shall advocate for all multisport race directors in the areas of education, business management, intercommunications, and in the participation of the formulation of all USAT actions and regulations that affect them.

2012 Accomplishments

1. The RDC clearly had some challenges in 2012 with attrition related to the overall business climate as well as non-participation issues by some committee members. Despite the challenges we held regular meetings, and had good feedback and contact with Staff and our BOD Liaison.
2. The RDC has populated several other committees and worked in conjunction with the AGC the championship race selection committee, and elite prize money and club prize money task force on a regular basis throughout the year.
3. Members of the committee have been active participants and advocates of USAT on the appropriate user group forums and Google Group discussions on an ongoing basis. Most of these discussions have revolved around the benefits of sanctioning and insurance.
4. The RDC provided input to the RD Symposium agenda and is initiating a mentoring program to pair first time attendees with more experienced race directors.
5. We still continue to struggle with the impact of non-sanctioned events and lack of understanding regarding the value of sanctioning, relationship with NGB, and overall benefits.

2013 Objectives

1. The primary goal for 2013 is to achieve 100% engagement by members of the RDC committee. Members have been asked to commit to required participation time, as well as input and review time.
2. More active involvement with other USAT committees and elevation of RDC to visibility level of other groups and to the BOD.
3. Population of other committees and task forces with members of the RDC.
4. Outreach and contact at local and regional levels to support race directors.
5. The committee will also continue its work toward advocating the benefits of USAT sanctioning and use of USAT officials at events.
6. Evaluate the impact of issues faced by race directors such as demands for royalties from music publishers, and advocate for appropriate solutions at a local or national level.





Conclusion

The committee has had excellent support from USAT staff and board liaisons this past year and hopes to see that support continue in 2013. While we have had better visibility this past year there is still room for improvement on both sides to ensure that the RDC remains relevant and has the information required to facilitate effective feedback to the BOD.

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